Port of Grays Harbor to match federal funds for traffic study at Gateway Plaza

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ABERDEEN, Wash. - The Port of Grays Harbor will pay just over $100-thousand to kick off a planning project that will resolve traffic issues at the Gateway Plaza in Aberdeen.Vicki Cummings with the Council of Governments told port commissioners yesterday "Neither the Council of Governments, nor the city of Aberdeen or the county has had it in our budgets to be able to fund that matching portion, so we are very grateful to the port for stepping forward and taking this on." The money will be used to match a federal grant, releasing $600,000 for the traffic solution study. The funds approved will come out of the port's operating budget.Cummings said the study will review all types of traffic at Highway 12 intersections across the entire plaza, from Fleet to F streets. They'd like to see a solution in place and complete within two years "There is absolutely nothing that precludes us from taking that long, we'd love to see it done much sooner. But what really tends to be the time hog in the process is the environmental documentation."

The Port of Grays Harbor Commissioners yesterday also saw the first public display of two proposals from an earlier study, one would extend Harbor street South along the tracks for a restrictive underpass, another option would elevate rail over the first Wal-Mart exit.

Five Star
Dealership
S Harbor St
Shell Gas
Elevated Track
Right-Out
Exit
PSNP Rail
Truck Apron
US 12/
E. Heron St.
100' Span
RR Bridge
8' Sidewalk
Olympic
Gateway
Plaza
Guesthouse